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Dear Sirs:

This concerns Docket #98P-0203/CP, which is a petition made by UPC to ban the forced molting of "laying" hens as this molting is cruel and causes disease. The FDA has the power to eliminate forced molting because this farm practice is a food safety problem. Molting increases the spread of Salmonella Enteritidis infection.

My request is that you grant the above docketed petition.

I would appreciate receiving an answer as to the outcome of this important matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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